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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT FORD'S RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MES-
SAGE FROM PRESIDENT TITO

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING TO HIS EXCELLENCY JOSIP BROZ TITO, PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA. QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: YOUR KIND AND THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR INDEPENDENCE AS A NATION SYMBOLIZES THE CLOSE FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL RE-SPECT WHICH HAVE LONG CHARACTERIZED RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLE. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

2. FYI: THE FOLLOWING WAS RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT TITO FOR PRESIDENT FORD: QUOTE: HIS EXCELLENCY, MR. GERALD FORD, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: ON THE OCCASION OF THE NATIONAL DAY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IT IS
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WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT, ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLES OF YUGO-

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SLAVIA AND IN MY OWN NAME, I CONVEY TO YOU AND TO THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE MY WARMEST FELICITATIONS AND HEARTFELT WISHES
FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE OF YOUR COUNTRY AND FOR YOUR
PERSONAL HAPPINESS.

I AM STRONGLY CONVINCED THAT THE RELATIONS AND THE CO-OPERA-
TION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, BASED ON UNDERSTANDING

AND FRIENDSHIP WILL FURTHER STRENGTHEN TO OUR MUTUAL BENE-
FIT AND IN THE INTEREST OF THE WORLD PEACE. JOSIP BROZ
TITO. UNQUOTE.

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